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Letter dated 2 June 1997 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on the Korean Peninsula issued on 27 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 82 of the preliminary list.

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Statement on the Korean Peninsula issued on 27 May 1997 by the Presidency of the European Union*

The European Union reiterates its support for the proposed four-party talks on the subject of the Korean Peninsula, bringing together the Republic of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China and the United States of America. The European Union expresses its strong desire that North Korea should engage in the four-party talks as soon as possible.

In addition, the European Union points out that the North-South dialogue constitutes another necessary precondition for détente on the Korean Peninsula.

Finally, the European Union wishes to emphasize that, in recent years in the humanitarian field, it has significantly contributed to alleviating the plight of the North Korean population.

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